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A Talk with the President

PIPE LINES OF PROGRESS

The eggs which you enjoyed at breakfast this morning in all likelihood were fried over an outlet that is hooked up to Texas.

Natural gas from Texas cooked millions of eggs this morning, in a great many places a long way from there. And I believe that you will be amazed at the scope of the other jobs which natural gas is doing.

For example, few people realize that our industry's 250,000 miles of natural gas pipe lines are longer than all the railroad trackage in America, laid end to end . . . or that there are 10 miles of natural gas pipe lines for every six miles of oil line.

Underground super-highways for the transmission of natural gas . . . soon to span the continent . . . are speeding one of the most important developments in heat and energy since man first harnessed fire for his own use. Within the lifetime of the youngest East Ohio employees, natural gas has sprung beyond narrow geographical boundaries to become a new giant in the service of all Americans.

Incidentally, we perhaps should also take a little credit for outdoing the Government in a field where it has never been outdone before . . . in the field of big figures. As you will see, we speak not in billions, but in terms of trillions.

A Look at the Past

Only about one American family out of every nine used natural gas in 1920. Most of the customers lived in or near Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, the leading gas-producing states. Long distance pipe lines were unheard of.

But natural gas . . . clean, efficient, economical . . . was a very useful fuel 30 years ago, just as it is now. Farsighted pioneers were gaining momentum in their big job of exploration and development.

Oklahoma nosed ahead of Pennsylvania and West Virginia as a gas producer, to lead the nation in 1924. Vast reserves also were tapped in Texas and Lousiana, and in 1929 Texas took the lead in production —a lead it still holds.

The natural gas problem was simple then. A valuable product was available in great amount. The population centers where the product could be sold profitably were from 1000 to 2000 miles away. But a product without shape or substance can not be put in a box and wrapped up for shipment. It was apparent that real vision and ingenuity would be required.

Free enterprisers, driven by their thirst for additional markets, soon had an answer. They conceived and built the first truly long distance pipe lines.

By 1930 natural gas was being used in St. Louis and Denver. Californians were learning about its benefits. And a year later, natural gas was on the way to Chicago, Detroit, and Minneapolis.

About one family in every six was using natural gas by 1930, in contrast to the one out of nine using it just 10 years before.

We learned to drill much deeper. We learned how to use higher pressures in our transmission lines and thus to transport a lot more gas. We learned to make more efficient use of our product. The result was that by 1940, more than one out of every three American families were using natural gas.

But these figures do not begin to tell the story. Natural gas began to ease the cooking chores of tens of millions of homemakers. Cleanliness and health increased as gas made more hot water available in the home. New frontiers of efficiency and progress were opened in industry. Gas was assigned the work of refrigerating food, burning refuse, drying clothes, heating homes, and firing the furnaces of industry.

War and Peace

The natural gas industry was in the midst of a steady and consistent climb when the war struck in 1941. The number of our customers and the amount of natural gas used had been doubling about every 10 years since the start of the century.

War changed this steady climb into a skyrocket ride. The demand for natural gas, along with the demand for other quality fuels, mounted beyond anyone's imagination. Pipe line construction was slowed, because of a lack of manpower and steel, so that as we looked ahead to peacetime we expected the squeeze to continue until we could make up for this lag.

But the end of the war touched off a tremendous demand that virtually left the industry breathless. We found ourselves riding the pendulum of one of the greatest economic swings ever brought about

by a change in consumer buying habits.

How and Why?

Why shovel coal and carry out the ashes, and why worry about dust on the draperies and the bother of starting a fire, when the job can be done cleanly and automatically at the same price or less? Millions of Americans have asked themselves this question since the war's end. And they come up with the same answer as you and I.

Heating homes with gas, once a luxury for a favored few, actually has become cheaper than heating with coal. The price of coal and oil climbed during the war, then took another spin upward in 1946 when price regulations were removed. By contrast, natural gas prices have remained at prewar levels or lower. The East Ohio customer of today uses nearly twice as much gas as in 1939, but pays less than 90 cents for the same volume of gas that would have cost him a dollar then. This is an industry-wide trend.

The efficiency of gas-fired equipment has been increasing at the same time. You can heat a home with 25 per cent less gas today than would have been required to heat the same home in 1920.

The demand for space heating gas has been tremendous and the end is not yet in sight. A recent survey made by the American Gas Association discloses the following facts:

Of the 19¾ million residential consumers studied, 6,600,000 are now using gas for space heating; another 693,000 will become space heating consumers during the winter 1949-1950, which results in nearly a 37% saturation. In the states of Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas all residental consumers use gas for space heating or are 100% saturated.

In California there are 2,300,000 residental consumers and 2,200,000 use gas for space heating or about 96% saturated.

Ohio has approximately 1½ million residential consumers and 560,000 will be using gas for heating or 37% saturated.

East Ohio Gas Company has 592,000 residential and commercial consumers and 302,000 use gas for space heating or 51% saturated.

Business and industry, with one eye cocked on John L. Lewis, have taken as careful a look at these facts as the fellow who lives down the street from you. For example, let's look at several important industrial developments.

The tires on your car, or your wife's new dress, may be made from synthetics. And natural gas is one of the most important raw materials from which many synthetics are made.

Many industrial heating processes can be carried out with half as much gas as once was required, due to technical advances.

Companies which used to sell manufactured gas also are showing a new interest in natural gas. They have seen the cost of oil, coal, and coke . . . their raw materials . . . going up. They want to ease the load on their production and distribution facilities. They can use natural gas in place of enriching oil in making manufactured gas, or they can switch to natural gas entirely by readjusting gas appliances.

Natural gas has about twice the heating value of manufactured gas, so that substitution of natural gas doubles the capacity of a manufactured gas company's distribution system.

The simple fact is that natural gas offers the corporation president and the homemaker a superlative combination of low costs and high benefits. This combination promises to create a demand which will continue rising for a long time to come.

What Are We Doing About It?

The natural gas industry plans to spend $1,900,000,000 on expansion and improvement during the four-year period ending in December, 1952. We already have spent $1,500,000,000 for this purpose since the war's end.

Nearly 12,000 miles of large diameter new steel pipe lines for the transmission of natural gas have been placed in service during the past three years. Another 23,500 miles of line, nearly enough to circle the earth, are under construction or contemplated.

To cite one example, work recently was started on a 30-inch steel cylinder which will twist across 1840 miles of countryside from Texas to the east bank of the Hudson River at 132nd Street in New York City. Other lines are stretching from Texas to the West Coast.

Natural gas will be cooking the breakfast eggs of families in nearly every major American community within the next three years.

Do We Have Adequate Reserves?

Known gas reserves in the United States amounted to about 15 trillion cubic feet in 1920. They tripled in the next decade, and in 1930 we had adequate reserves to last for 23 years at the then current annual production rate of nearly two trillion cubic feet.

We produced more than 2½ trillion cubic feet in 1940, nearly four trillion in 1945 and six trillion in 1948. Known reserves have climbed from 85 trillion cubic feet in 1940 to the staggering figure of 174 trillion cubic feet today.

We are producing three times as much gas as in 1930, but our reserves are adequate for 30 years of production at today's high level, in contrast to the known reserves of only 23 years production at the lower rate of use in 1930.

Today's reserves are the greatest in history. We always have been

able to find new sources of supply greatly in excess of our usage. And a number of people in the industry now believe that gas-wise, Western Canada may prove to be another Texas.

The economical production and efficient use of natural gas, not keeping it in the ground for some future day, is conservation in the true sense.

Some day in the dim and distant future gas may run low. By that time, if scientific and technologic developments continue to advance at their present rate, a substitute for natural gas will no doubt be ready. It can be made from coal and transported through the present pipe lines to points of local distribution. There's no telling where atomic energy may be 30 or 40 years from now.

In fact, I wouldn't be surprised that some day we'll be faced by serious competition from a new source of energy long before the natural gas supply dwindles to the danger point.

Big-League Problems

I have painted an enviable picture. But as we have moved up into the big leagues as an industry, we also have acquired big league problems.

Let me sketch a hasty picture. Distribution companies buy gas from pipe line companies on roughly the same basis as water would be bought through an ever-flowing faucet. We must keep buying according to a fairly constant daily flow, under long range commitments. But our outgo is vastly different on a zero morning in winter than on a hot summer afternoon when our customers would like to strike the word, furnace, from their vocabularies.

We have made progress in developing underground storage facilities, and in encouraging industrial customers to install stand-by equipment. We are working to build business which will give us a more constant load factor. But real progress must still be made to overcome all problems in meeting peak winter demands.

Our costs for labor and materials have gone up rapidly, like everyone else's. Yet our prices are strictly regulated. We have held the rate line, thanks to the tremendous increase in our volume of business, but continuing to hold it will not always be a simple job.

Another problem is posed by the fact that Federal agencies are making bold bids to assume or seize control over the natural gas industry nationally. Allocation of natural gas to distributing companies, we are told, should be by whim of Federal dictum rather than by contracts made in good faith.

Looking Forward

The progress of the natural gas industry promises important benefits to every American . . . improved production processes that help to prevent increases in the cost of finished goods . . . reduction of air pollution . . . new comfort and convenience in the home . . . better working conditions in factories.

Gas, like coal and oil, is a vital national resource. All three are sister industries. Each has its individual problems, but all have mutual problems as well. Taxes, costs, regulation, conservation and many similar basic areas of interest offer a real challenge to all producers and distributors of fuel to work together for their own welfare and for the benefit of the customers they serve.

J. Francis Robinson

OUR FRONT COVER

Almost ready to call upon the neighbors are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Merriman. Timothy (7 years of age) is about to mask, with the assistance of his Dad, while Margaret (2) wonders what her first Halloween adventure holds in store for her. Thomas (6) tells Mother: "Be sure that I can see through it." Kathleen (5) wants to be the last one to mask.

This handsome quartet, in their attractive and colorful costumes, will surely return home with pockets bulging and baskets overflowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Merriman and their family live at 13800 Rugby Road, East Cleveland. Mr. Merriman is our Assistant Chief Engineer, Main Office, Cleveland.

Introducing . . . (If you have not met)
. . . Our Purchasing and Traffic Dept.

The Purchasing Department is where everything, from a paper clip used in our offices, to large diameter pipe for the building of a trunk pipe line, is purchased. This department knows not only where the best sources of supply are to fill a particular order, but it also knows where quality can be had at the best price. The Purchasing Department is, therefore, one of the important departments of our Company.

Today, as never before, we must expend our purchasing dollars, as well as other company dollars, wisely. However, good purchasing involves more than seeking the lowest price—it must include

1. Continuity and security of supply;
2. Maintenance of quality;
3. Intelligent scheduling;
4. Economically low inventories;
5. Sound inventory values;
6. Good vendor relations;

for quality buying and best service.

During its early years in Cleveland, The East Ohio did not have a Purchasing Department. All the purchases were handled at our old Central Avenue Shop by Messrs. W. R. Knowles, Sr. and L. C. Flath, through the Treasurer's Office which was located in the old Masonic Temple (now the site of the Federal Reserve Bank Building). Since the year 1916, all the

Fred C. Durst—Purchasing Agent and Traffic Manager. The picture on his desk is of his son, Fred C. Jr., a junior at Bowling Green University.

Marie A. Shannon has had her 30-year service pin for two years. She has been the queen of Purchasing all during that time.

Frank A. Pucel, an East Ohioan since March 15, 1912, has been in this department for 30 years. He is the general buyer for the department.

purchasing for East Ohio's system has been centralized in Cleveland.

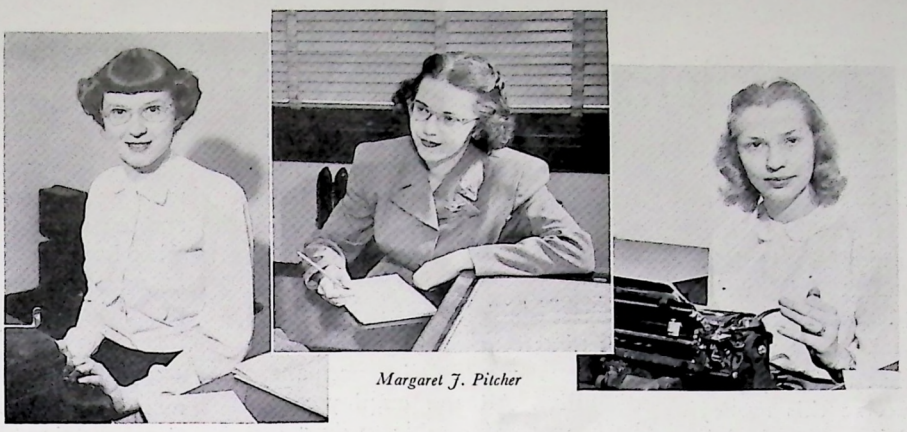
Shortly before moving to our present Main Office Building which was completed in February, 1916, the Purchasing Department was organized and Mr. J. G. Hanks, who ended his 32-year career with The East Ohio in 1933 as General Superintendent, became the first Purchasing Agent. In 1916, when Mr. Hanks went to No. 2 Works as Superintendent there, he was succeeded by Mr. G. H. Horsley, who was our Purchasing Agent from then until he retired on June 1, 1933, with 42 years' company service. Since that time the position has been held by the following men: Messrs. G. P. Binder, now Superintendent Cleveland Operating; D. E. Maloney, the present Cleveland Commercial Manager; A. J. Hattwich, retired; A. T. Code, deceased; and J. H. Carson, now Chief Engineer.

The present head of the department, Fred C. Durst, was appointed Purchasing Agent and Traffic Manager, in February of 1945. Traffic Manager at the time of his appointment, Mr. Durst had spent twenty years in the Traffic and Payroll departments of the Company. The Traffic Department was then merged with the Purchasing Department.

The principal function of the Purchasing Department is to correlate its activities with those of the other departments and divisions of the Company, so that the greatest efficiency and economy may be effected in procuring the necessary materials, supplies and equipment to carry on the various programs planned and executed by the Company.

Much routine work is involved in the duties of the Purchasing

Eugene M. Reid assists in buying, and he and William J. Taylor, Jr. verify and approve invoices as to price and maintain the price records. Approximately 50,000 invoices are processed by them yearly. "Gene" has been with our Company 22 years, and "Bill" has more than 10 years' service



Laura M. Stiglmaier *Margaret J. Pitcher* *Ruth J. Ormiston*

The girls who keep purchase orders, correspondence, and information pertinent to plane and train reservations rolling from their typewriters. Their work also includes follow-up procedure and filing. Approximately 18,000 Purchase Orders are issued yearly.

Department's personnel. It consists of:

Processing requisitions for materials, supplies and equipment, received from all departments and divisions;

Telephone calls, interviews, and correspondence pertinent to placing purchase orders;

Maintaining records relating to price, sources of supply, contracts, specifications and inventories;

Verifying and approving all invoices as to price;

Correspondence concerning quotations, follow-up of deliveries and invoices;

Disposal of scrap material and equipment.

Many factors, in addition to those already mentioned, enter into practical purchasing, not the least important of which is that of coordinating the purchases with the inventory control.

Since the Purchasing Department was organized, it has experienced the many difficulties encountered in obtaining the materials and supplies to carry out company projects, during and after two great World Wars. The vast expansion of the Company, which has taken place in the last several years, is reflected in the increased volume of purchase orders and other activities in the department.

The function of the Traffic Department is to see that all materials, supplies and equipment purchased are shipped to destination in the quickest and most economical way. Freight bill checking for correct classification of materials and the correct freight rates, is an important part of the work. And all plane and train reservations for employees who travel on company business are handled by the Traffic Department.

The members of the Purchasing and Traffic Department greatly appreciate the cooperation received from those who contact them. It is this cooperation which helps so much to keep things running smoothly in the department, just as elsewhere in the Company. Their aim is to render courteous and efficient service to all. They are also mindful of the fact that the work and the loyalty of those who preceded them helped to build the strong foundation that has meant so much in the growth of our Company.

George E. Reid, Assistant Traffic Manager.

Joseph R. Gallagher—checking a train schedule.

Planes and trains play an important part here, as the pictures indicate

The Dollar That Nobody Wants

An unwanted dollar is as rare as a pretty girl left to sit alone at a party.

That's why you may be surprised at this story about East Ohio's wallflower dollars . . . the money that no one wants to take for a whirl.

The catch is that the only people eligible to receive this money are those injured in an on-the-job accident. These wallflower dollars are available . . . but only at the price of pain, anxiety, heartache, and inconvenience.

East Ohio's accident benefit program is generous. The dollars that it pays out are mighty handy when you need them. But who can put an adequate price tag on suffering? Money can never compensate for loss of an eye, for example.

That's why the best accident benefit is the one that's never paid . . . never paid because the use of common sense and good safety practice kept the accident from happening in the first place.

East Ohio's most important accident benefit program thus is safety . . . the prevention of accidents. We have been making steady progress in the elimination of lost-time accidents, doing our best to learn from each bitter experience.

Back in 1926 when our safety program was organized, there were 261 lost-time accidents throughout the East Ohio system. The record for the 12 months ended on June 30, 1949, is a real contrast. We had only nine lost-time accidents, with 500 more employees on the job.

First in the Nation

Our 1949 record was so good that we won first place among the gas companies in the National Safety Council Contest. Our accident frequency rate was 1.11 per million hours . . . that is, there was only slightly over one lost-time accident for every million hours worked. And it takes 500 employees a year to roll up a million man hours.

What pleases us even more is the fact that none of the six lost-time accidents resulted in permanent disability. All the employees are back on the job, able to do a full day's work. The longest any of them was off the job was 49 days.

What's responsible for this splendid progress? How can we maintain it? We can point to several factors . . . improvements in equipment and procedures, better supervision, increased safety training.

But standing out above all other reasons, like an airplane beacon atop a skyscraper, is the contribution of each employee. Practicing safety on the job, using sound judgment, getting first aid when it's needed, respecting machinery and using it carefully . . . these are behind our climb to the top.

The Honor Is Yours

Because all employees cooperated so well, our Company is one of the safest gas companies in the country. This honor represents more than a victory in a contest. It represents all the accidents that didn't happen . . . blood poisoning from a small scratch might have put a stenographer in the hospital for weeks; a collision might have robbed a truck driver of the use of a leg.

The pain and anxiety that these people were spared is far more important to us than any safety award. Safety on the job is a benefit that we must retain.

When An Accident Happens

Nevertheless, some accidents did happen. Much as we hope that accidents will not happen, hard as we try to prevent them, we still must be prepared for the day when accidents occur. That's why East Ohio has a system of accident benefit payments to provide financial protection for any employee who is injured on the job.

The East Ohio program is far more liberal than the Workmen's Compensation Law which determines the payments made by most Ohio companies.

If an injury is serious enough to keep you away from work, the Company pays you your normal earnings for the first 16 weeks that you are away. It has been a long time since any East Ohio employee involved in a lost-time accident was away from his job for more than 16 weeks.

However, you still may be involved in an accident that disables you for more than 16 weeks. What happens then? After you receive normal earnings for 16 weeks, you will receive two-thirds of your normal pay for the next 36 weeks. That covers a full year from the time the accident occurred.

The rules of the program state that after the first year the "provisions of the workmen's compensation law apply." This means that at the end of the year's payments by East Ohio, an employee still will be paid $25 a week until he is able to work again.

No accident in recent East Ohio records has totally disabled an employee for a year or more. However, our benefit program provides for such an emergency.

An employee with 15 or more years of service, if totally and permanently disabled, is eligible for retirement pay, in addition to workmen's compensation benefits. This includes a special monthly

payment by East Ohio, so that he receives the full retirement pay that his purchases to date would have entitled him to at the age of 65.

A Comparison

How do the benefits paid under the East Ohio program compare with those required by the workmen's compensation law? Let's look at a theoretical case.

Suppose you earn $60 a week and suffer a disabling injury that keeps you off the job for a year or more. How do the benefits compare?

If you were under workmen's compensation only, you would receive $25 per week for the first 16 weeks—a total of $400.

By contrast the program you come under as an East Ohio employee pays you $60 a week for the first 16 weeks—a total of $960, or $560 more than would be paid under workmen's compensation alone.

If you were under workmen's compensation only, you would get $25 for the next 36 weeks—a total of $900.

By contrast the program you come under as an East Ohio employee pays you $40 a week, two-thirds of your normal pay, for the next 36 weeks—a total of $1440, or $540 more than required under workmen's compensation alone.

$1100 More Under East Ohio Plan

For the first year of disability, you thus receive $1100 more than you would be entitled to under workmen's compensation.

For employees with higher earnings, the difference would be even greater. Because under workmen's compensation, no one gets more than $25 a week, or $1300 a year . . . no matter how high his earnings.

The workmen's compensation law also provides for payments in the event of what is described as a "permanent partial disability." This applies when loss of an eye, leg, arm, or some other part of the body limits an employee's ability to work.

These payments are made *in addition* to the benefits paid while the employee is away from the job.

An employee who loses an eye in an accident would receive $25 a week for 125 weeks, a total of $3125; loss of a leg would be compensated by $25 a week for 190 weeks, or $4750; an arm, $25 a week for 215 weeks, or $5375; a foot, $25 for 140 weeks, or $3500.

We have had only one accident of this type in recent years. At that time the maximum payment for permanent partial disability was $24.50 a week. The employee received this payment for 125 weeks, making a total of $3062.50. In addition, $867.41 was received in regular accident benefits for the 16 weeks the employee was away from work. And the Company paid hospital and medical bills of $153.18.

Payment of Medical Bills

When anyone is injured on the job, East Ohio pays all costs of medical treatment. For your protection, the Company asks that you follow certain rules in obtaining this treatment.

When you are working under a foreman or supervisor, you should report any injury to him immediately. Your foreman knows the best first aid treatment for most injuries. Once you report an injury, it becomes his responsibility. When more than ordinary first aid is required, he will decide what the next step should be.

When you're working by yourself, it's your responsibility to do what you can to have your injury treated properly. If time is important, as in the case of a bad cut or a dog bite, you will benefit by obtaining medical treatment wherever it's available.

In the case of a bruise or pulled muscle, when time isn't so important, there is time to notify your immediate supervisor so that he can direct you to the best place to get medical care.

Partial Disability

The East Ohio accident benefit program also provides for employees who suffer a partial disability which permits them to work, but not at their usual capacity.

The employee who earned $60 a week might have had a back injury, for example. Let's suppose that his regular job was in a warehouse where he did a lot of lifting. During his period of recovery, he couldn't do his regular work but he could do certain clerical work that paid $40 a week. Who makes up the difference?

Under workmen's compensation, the company is required to make no payment since the $40 payment is still $15 more than the maximum paid under the law. But under our benefit program, the employee gets the full $20 difference for 16 weeks and two-thirds of the difference, or $13.33 for the next 36 weeks.

Such cases are rare, however. Usually, the Company prefers to pay full disability benefits to an employee until he is ready to work full-time again.

Case Histories

A few case histories of recent accidents illustrate how the benefit program works.

Sometime ago an employee stepped on an iron stake, causing a three-inch wound in his right foot.

His normal earnings were $227 a month. The injury kept him away from work for 17 days. During that time, the Company paid him $144.46—normal earnings for 17 days—and paid for $16 in medical bills.

In another case, an assistant warehouseman felt a sudden pain as he tried to keep a heavy valve from falling off a company truck. An examination showed that an

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Another
EAST OHIO BENEFIT

Katherine A. Emslie takes a note from her record book.

An additional benefit is available to East Ohio employees in our Cleveland Dispensary and also through local doctors and hospitals in other cities and towns on East Ohio's system.

All cases of minor accidental injury or minor illness occurring during working hours, in or around the Main Office, are given first aid treatment in the Cleveland Dispensary. If an injury is found to be more than of a minor nature, the employee is referred to our local surgeon for definitive treatment.

In the case of illness, first aid treatment or rest is provided and, if it seems advisable to do so, the employee is sent home and counseled to have his or her personal physician render further treatment.

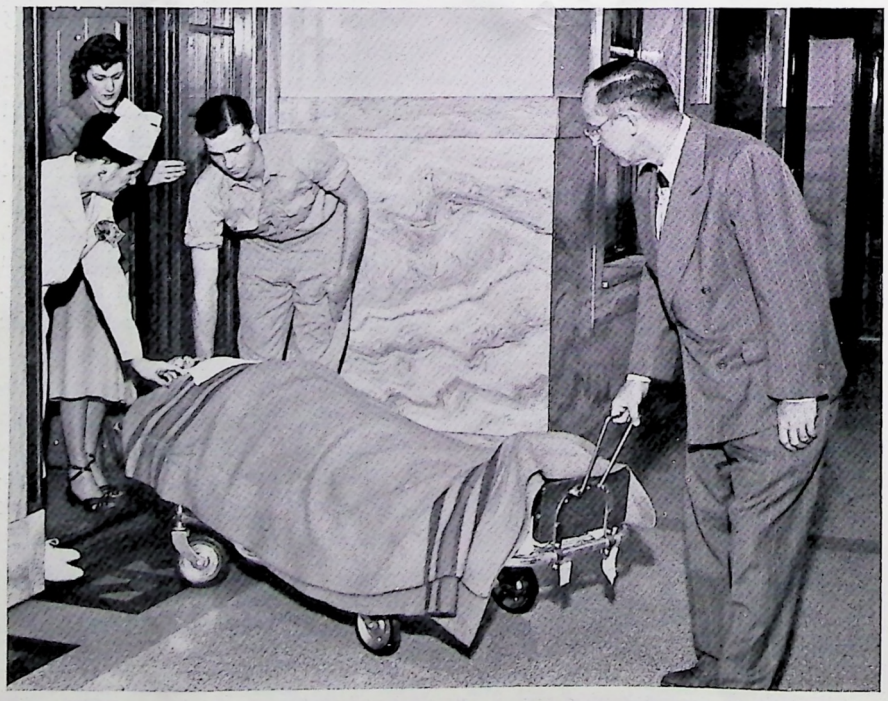
Essentially, the same procedure is followed in our outside cities and towns, except that the employee is taken direct to the local surgeon, in case of accidental injury, or, in the matter of sickness, referred direct to the family physician.

Just inside the door of Room 333, on the north side of the Main Office building's third floor, will be found a miniature hospital which is equipped to treat everything from a minor ailment to an accident case.

When you enter the room, whether or not you can see her in one of the adjoining rooms, the cheery voice of Miss Katherine Emslie, a registered nurse, lets you know that she is aware of your being there, and you have her attention as soon as she is through with the one just ahead. If you are not there for treatment yourself, as in the case of the writer, and have the time to tarry, you will probably see a parade of cold victims, especially at this time of the year. They know that if they can get to Miss Emslie before the cold is deeply rooted, the treatment will, in most cases, chase it. "This is my annual cold . . . I always get one about this time," or words to that effect, are what one overhears just outside the treatment room.

Katherine Emslie, a graduate of the Charity Hospital Nursing School, had experience in accident and surgery case work prior to coming with The East Ohio more than sixteen years ago, and her experience in Industrial Nursing has broadened during that time. Praise for the good work that she is doing

Assisting Miss Emslie in bringing a patient to the Dispensary are: Ethel Troegele (Elevator operator), Jack J. Hoare (Building maintenance) and Henry Dieringer (Customer Accounting).



is spoken and written by many of the employees who have been taken care of by Miss Emslie.

There is a card on the door of Room 333 stating that the nurse is at lunch between eleven and twelve. If you 'phone or go to the Dispensary at any other time during a working day, you will find Miss Emslie on the job waiting to take care of you. Katherine Emslie is competent and efficient in her service to East Ohio employees, friendly and solicitous always.

Here's hoping, dear reader, that you do not become ill or have an accident. But if it should happen while on the job, in or around Main Office, Katherine Emslie will be at her post to do all she can for you.

Thomas E. Gallagher (Street Dept., No. 2 Works) called Line 361. Result: Bettie Jones (Credit) admits him to the Dispensary.

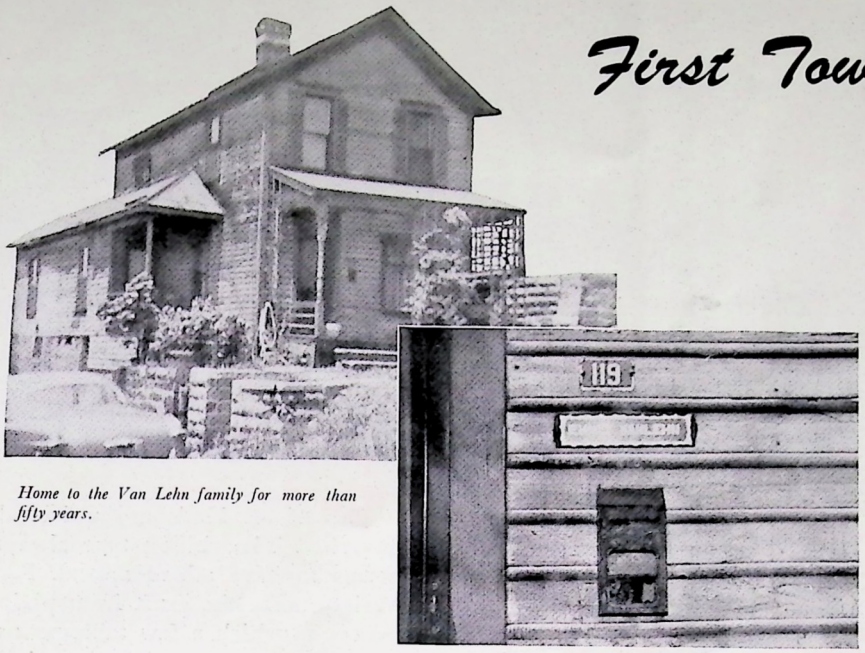
A. H. ("Bud") Dittebrand—Customer Accounting—has a cold that he does not *want.*

A quarter-inch piece of lead from a pencil, driven into the hand of Ray Bessick (Appliance), is being removed.

Meter-Reading Adventures

By ROBERT McAULIFFE
Cleveland Meter Reader

First Town and the First Service



Home to the Van Lehn family for more than fifty years.

Dennison was the *first* town to be served by the first pipeline which The East Ohio built, from the Ohio River to Akron.

A short time ago we had an opportunity to go into the home of the Van Lehn family, which has been occupied by them continuously since the days when the Company started to serve gas in Dennison.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Van Lehn were married on January 9, 1898, and moved into the house at 119 Fifth Street, Dennison, Ohio, the building of which was completed several months later.

The Van Lehn residence was the *first* house to have gas piped into it and turned on by The East Ohio when it was ready to serve Dennison following the passage of a franchise on September 8, 1898.

From that time until the present, this house has not had a new master and mistress. It has heard the voices of ten children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, and the house has witnessed the joys and the sorrows that have come to this family just as they do to others.

Mr. Van Lehn, who had been an engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad, in Dennison, passed away in 1933 and Mrs. Van Lehn has continued to live at the same address.

On the day we called there, great preparations were well under way to celebrate Mary Jo's first birthday. A cake with green icing and one pink candle was just arriving as we entered the house.

It's one candle on the birthday cake for Mary Jo Van Lehn

Mrs. Van Lehn, a sweet lady who smiles easily, looked into the distance as she told us just before we left that they were getting ready to leave the old familiar scenes. "The children are building a new home and, of course, I am going with them," she said.

That her life has been filled with happiness is reflected in her kindly face. May Mrs. Van Lehn have many more years with her family to enjoy that new home, together with the memories built around a Dennison landmark of a half century.

Three generations—Mrs. Emmet Van Lehn, her son Walter, and his little daughter, Mary Jo. ⟹

From A Woman's Viewpoint

MORE BAKING LORE

By the Home Service Department, Akron

Home-baked foods that are lovely to look at—delicious to taste—are the pride of every homemaker.

Since there are so many occasions these days when we want to serve tempting baked foods, why not pursue more of them? Many baked desserts have already been brought to your attention in the Home Service pages of our magazine, but we would like to add more recipes for your consideration in our baking lore covering desserts to serve in the fall.

The time and effort to prepare "extras" or surprises are well warranted because of the fun and flavor they add to meals. There are many new short-cut recipes for modern, streamlined baking when time is precious.

In answer to the popular question, "What's for dessert tonight?" —we are suggesting a few new angles on cakes, pies, and cookies.

Cakes are always welcome. The crowning glory of a cake is good frosting or filling that complements the flavor and texture of the cake. The Nut Cake with Lemon Frosting that we are recommending has a delightful combination of flavors. The Applesauce Cake Roll is equally good.

Scarcely a day passes at home without a call for cookies—cookies to serve with ice cream, with fruit or with a frosty glass of milk. The Pineapple-Raisin Drops are made in a jiffy by the new quick-mix method. They are rich and satisfying and have good keeping qualities.

Pies of all kinds are universal favorites. The chiffon type always seems to have added appeal. For variety make the crust from plain pastry to which a few tablespoons of grated orange or lemon rind have been added. Pastry baskets are easy to make and novel to serve.

Biscuit variations may be popular with you. Have you tried adding chopped nuts to biscuits used for shortcake? Biscuit Pockets are another pleasing variation.

The new versions of baked goods pictured and described on these pages will offer a splendid selection of desserts for your meals when appetites require more and richer food to satisfy them during the cool, fall weather.

Let's start with the

Party Nut Cake

½ cup shortening
1¾ cup sifted cake flour
1 cup sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
¾ cup chopped nut meats

Put shortening into bowl. Sift in flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add milk and vanilla. Beat 2 minutes. Add unbeaten eggs and nut meats. Beat 2 minutes. Pour into greased and floured loaf pan. Bake at 350°F. about 40 minutes. Cool on cake rack for about 30 minutes; loosen sides carefully with a spatula, re-

move from pan and finish cooling in upright position before frosting.

Lemon Frosting

1 egg white
¾ cup sugar
1 tablespoon cold water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Combine all ingredients, except lemon rind, in top of double boiler. Beat constantly over boiling water until mixture stands in a peak (about 5 to 7 minutes). Remove from water and beat until thick enough to spread. Stir in grated lemon rind and a few drops of yellow coloring. Frost cake. Decorate with chopped nuts.

Applesauce Cake Roll

3 eggs
¾ cup sugar
½ cup sweetened applesauce
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup seeded raisins
Confectioners' sugar

Filling:

2 (3-oz.) packages cream cheese
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup milk
1 tablespoon grated orange rind

Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored; gradually beat in sugar. Add applesauce. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, cloves, baking soda, and salt; fold into egg mixture. Add raisins. Line greased 10"x15"x1" pan with waxed paper; grease paper; pour in batter. Bake in moderate oven, 375°F., for 20 to 25 minutes. Turn out onto towel sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Quickly remove paper from cake; trim edges. Roll up like a jelly roll; cool. Blend together cream cheese, sugar, milk, and orange rind. Unroll cake. Spread cheese mixture on cake; reroll.

Pineapple-Raisin Drops

2 cups flour
¾ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
½ cup crushed pineapple
1 cup seedless raisins

Sift flour, baking powder, soda, and salt into mixing bowl. Add shortening (at room temperature), sugar, vanilla, unbeaten egg and crushed pineapple. Beat together until smooth (about 2 minutes). Then stir in raisins. Drop by spoonfuls on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375°F. 10 to 15 minutes. Makes approximately 4 dozen cookies.

Lemon Fluff Baskets

Pastry Baskets:

Roll pie crust ⅛-inch thick; cut rounds about 5 inches in diameter. Lay rounds over inverted custard cups on baking pan. Pinch edges of overhanging dough into about 4 scallops. For handles, cut narrow strips 6 inches long. Lay several over inverted cups. Bake in oven at 450°F. about 12 minutes. Cool baskets. Fill with Lemon Fluff filling. Top with meringue. Secure handles into the filling. Bake in 350°F. oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until meringue browns.

Filling:

4 egg yolks
Juice and rind of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons water
½ cup sugar

Beat egg yolks, add other ingredients. Cook over simmer heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Cool.

Meringue:

4 egg whites
½ cup sugar

Beat whites until stiff, but not dry. Add sugar gradually, beating all the time. Fold half of meringue into custard and put rest on top.

Biscuit Pockets

2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
2/3 cup milk
About ½ cup jelly, jam or marmalade

Sift dry ingredients into bowl. Cut in shortening to the consistency of corn meal. Add milk to make soft dough; turn out on floured board and knead lightly about 15 times. Pat or roll out ¼-inch thick. With pastry wheel, fluted cutter, or knife cut into ovals about 6 inches long and 3 inches wide. Make inch-long cuts crosswise about an inch from one end. Put a tablespoon of jelly in middle of each oval. Bring uncut end of dough through slit in the other end. Bake in a very hot oven, 450°F., about 12 minutes. Serve hot.

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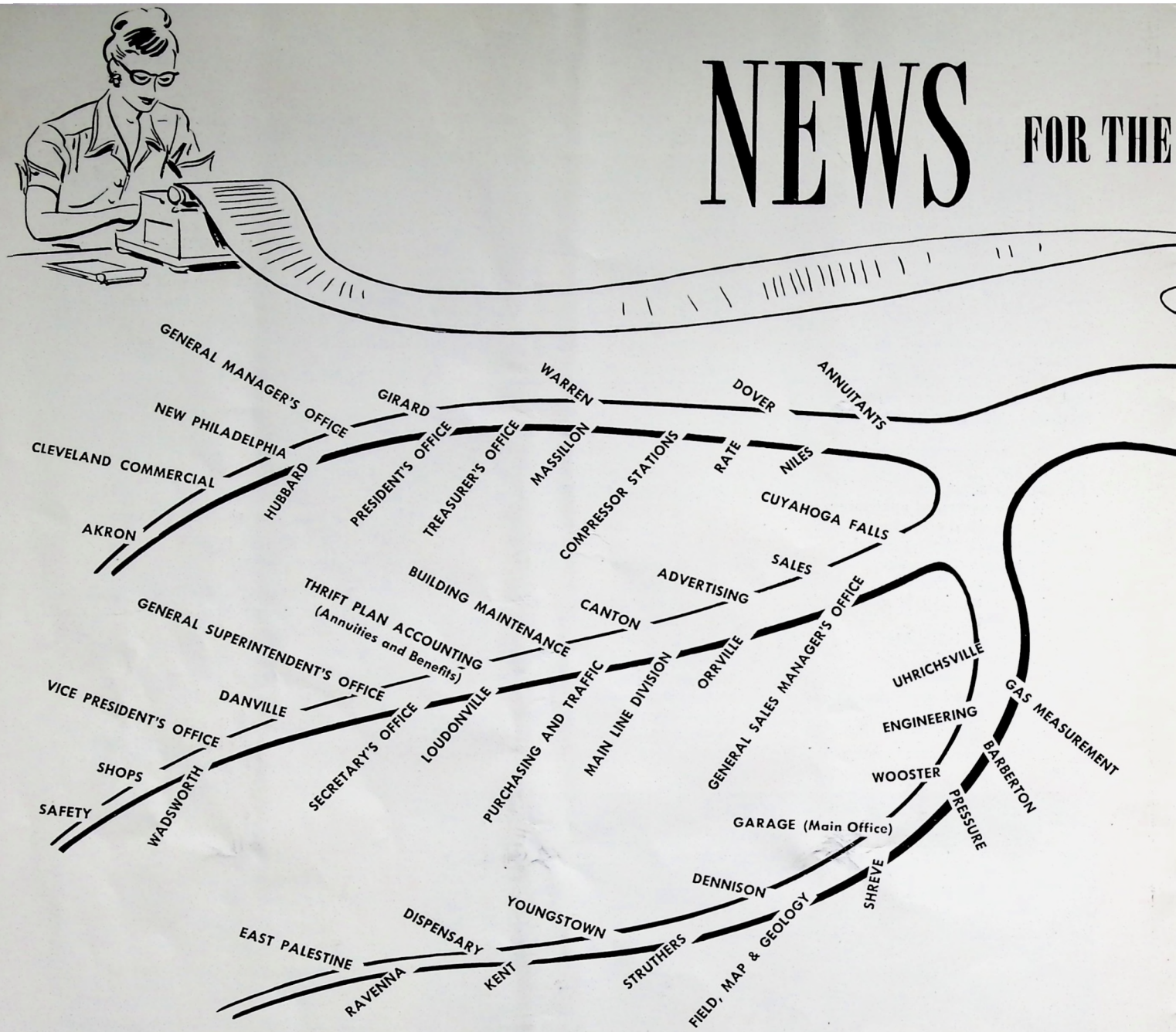
These tempting baked products will put the satisfying touch to dinners, or they will be popular served as party refreshments.

Can't eat 'em all—and making a selection is more than difficult.



Just as it is true that when it rains your raincoat and umbrella are usually at home instead of where you need them, when news happens the one who should be there to cover it is somewhere else. This can't be helped. That is why we have correspondents — people who are interested in reporting the news themselves, or giving the facts so that others may develop the stories for our magazine—and they have done, and are doing, an outstanding job. But all points on East Ohio's big system are not represented in THE NEWS.

If you would like to write occasionally, or become a staff correspondent, all you have to do is to start sending news and suggestions for the magazine. The East Ohio NEWS could never be "a one-man job"—it requires that all East Ohioans be NEWS-minded in order to have our magazine cover the entire system. That is what we are striving for—it's a big job—and we need the co-operation of everyone to bring it about. However, East Ohio is used to tackling big jobs and seeing them through to successful completion. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it could be said of us that one question is ever present in the minds of East

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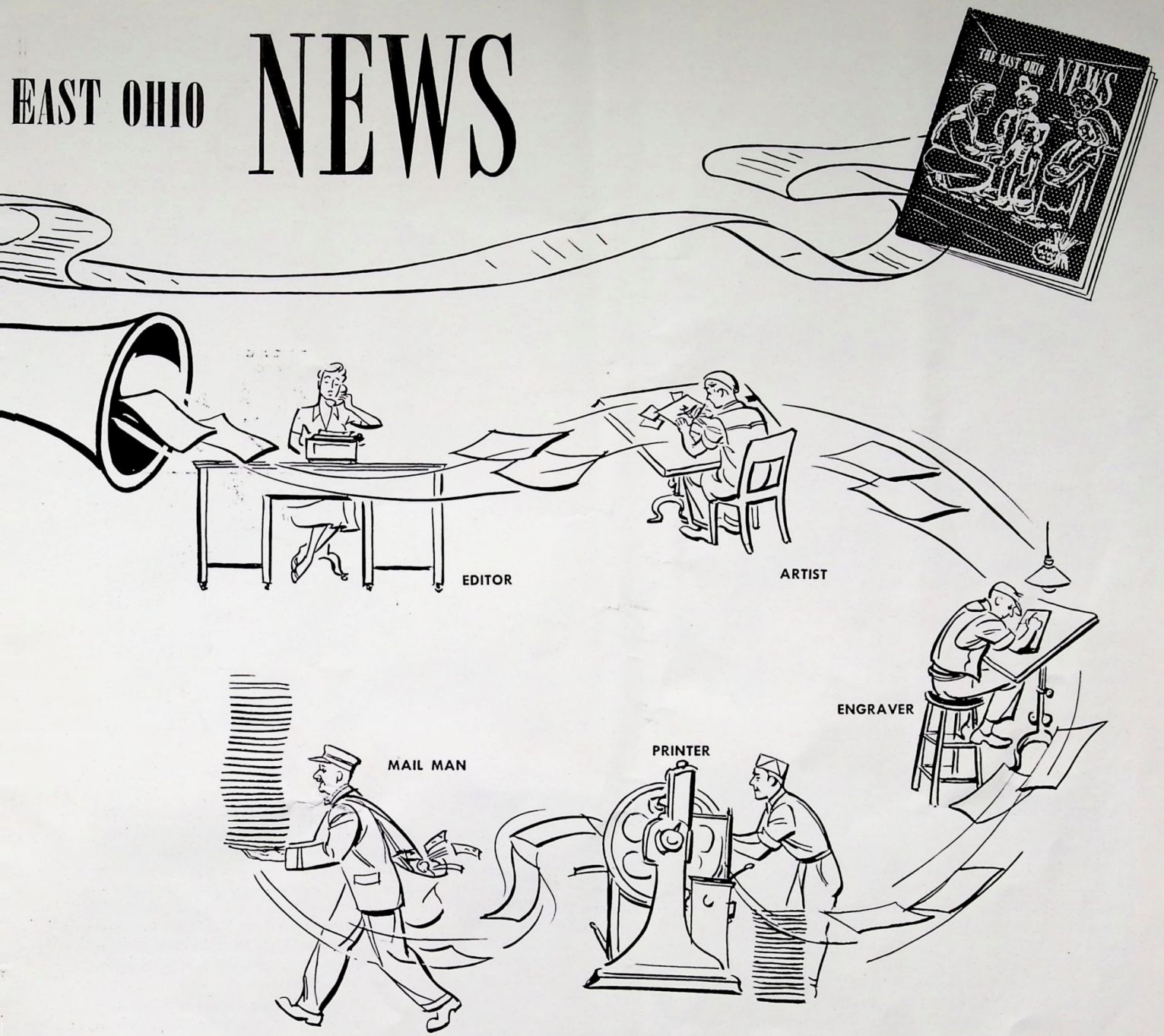


Ohioans—"Is this **news** for The NEWS?"

When something interesting or important occurs up, down, and around the system, it should be shared with all East Ohioans. The easiest way to accomplish this is by sending it to your editor, Room 423, The East Ohio Gas Company, Cleveland 14, Ohio. And when you know something that is about to happen or will take place in the future—jot that down, too. If it looks like a "front page" story which may require a photographer to help us tell it, please inform us well in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

East Ohio has built many pipelines and the Company will probably build more of them as time goes on to take care of its customers. *Let's build one more now* for the East Ohio family—a pipeline of news from everywhere on East Ohio's system—right to the desk of your editor. This pipeline will help The East Ohio NEWS to really mean what it says—**news** about the employees and the annuitants, including their families, and the Company.

There are plenty of seats on our East Ohio NEWS bandwagon. Let's all hop on it and enjoy the ride—together. —*The Editor*

Leaving Wooster . . .

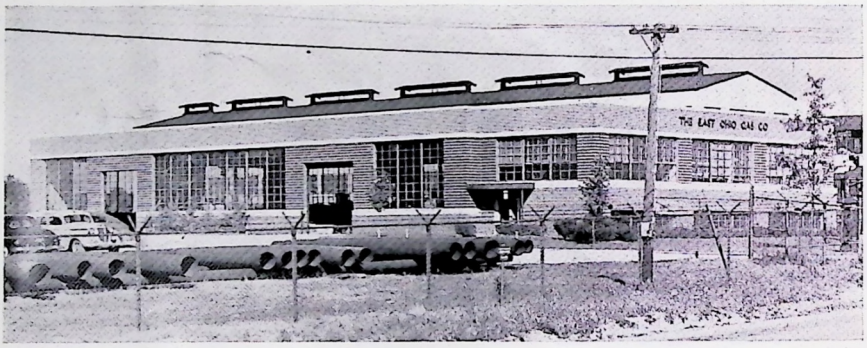
The story of moving the Production Department from Wooster to Perry Yard is short. We moved—however, before we could move from Wooster, we had to get there—and herein lies that story which turns back the pages many years.

When the year 1915 rolled by, 1,330 gas wells had been drilled in Cuyahoga County, in old Lakewood, and there was also drilling activity in Knox County, near Danville, Ohio, with a few gas wells along the Medina-Wayne County line.

By 1920, Cuyahoga County drilling had continued through that five-year period, and the Wayne County gas and oil drilling had developed from Shreve, through the northeast, with the discovery of the Chippewa field south of Doylestown. The Chippewa field is now being used for storage. East Ohio opened a Field Office on Beaver Street, including a Geological Department, above the Bank on the Public Square, in Wooster. In the early twenties, Wayne and Holmes Counties were developing rapidly as The East Ohio Gas Company, Ohio Fuel Supply Company, Medina Gas Company, Logan Gas Company, and many independent operators were drilling in the area between Medina and Millersburg.

From 1920 to 1926 inclusive, The East Ohio drilled 493 wells, reaching the peak of its drilling progress in 1922 with the completion of 100 wells. At that time, with the concentration of drilling near Wooster, the Company built a garage and warehouse for the Field Department there. This was built under the direction of a young Case graduate engineer, Harvey C. Schroeder, now the head of our Gas Measurement Department. Mr. Schroeder used all field labor on the project as this was prior to the "contracting era." The buildings and yard were built well and were adequate for all the work, excepting the office space which had to be more than doubled when CJO's and RJO's came along, coupled with the arrival of the contractor.

. . . . Arriving Perry Yard



Upon the discovery of the Stark-Summit field near Clinton, the drilling work moved eastward and the personnel of well care and gas measurement moved to the new area, leaving the warehouse, office, and garage work in Wooster.

With the growth of underground storage and new drilling in the Canton City field, it became necessary to move all of the work nearer the new wells and the storage fields, leaving behind the 70 remaining wells south of Wooster to A. B. Lybarger, at Danville, and giving the Mohican line back to the Trunk Pipe Line Division under Tom Dague, Bert Sellers, and Dwight Miller. The Wooster Field had risen and then declined. During its life, the growth of drilling called for the building of pumping stations—Shreve, Mohican, and Wooster—all of which have disappeared from the scene. This is the parting of the way.

The official kick-off on the move came in the form of a letter to all concerned, dated June 3, 1949, with the deadline for moving November 1, 1949. The gas measurement warehouse was immediately moved to Canal Fulton, but not too quickly for Frank Snyder who had moved over the week-end and was on the welcoming line when the other men and the trucks of materials arrived. They are now working smoothly, although their new storage cabinets have not yet been delivered.

The garage, warehouse and office have now been moved to Perry Yard, in the building built during 1946 for the Trunk Pipe Line Division.

In moving to Perry, the Production and Storage divisions have taken over the T. P. L. warehousing and pipe yard and will also handle pipe for the city plants in that area.

They say that "A rolling stone gathers no moss," but in this move the Field was fortunate to have four men transferred from the T. P. L.—Mike Bory, Tom Donahue, Ray Tallman, and Jim Thompson.

The personnel of the Field Department is the same, with Lou T. Evans and all the others having a new address which, in announcing it, contains a cordial invitation, as follows:

> Call or write, or better still come and see us—4725 17th Street Ext., SW, R. D. No. 1, Canton, Ohio—Ohio Bell Telephone: Canton 74521; Company Telephone: Perry Yard.

We could not move from Wooster without paying tribute to J. G. Hanks, William R. Knowles, and Okey Wheeler. These men were the leaders who made and ran the Production Department through many years of its greatest work.

This brings to a close many chapters of the Production Department's book, in a nutshell. When the next chapter is written, perhaps years hence, it will cover the happenings after setting up headquarters at Perry Yard.

Their First Picnic was a Success

By MARIE O'HARA

The group attending the picnic.

Sunday, September 18, was a big day at the Knights of Columbus Park, in Akron. That was when The Natural Gas Workers Union Picnic for the Akron District employees was in full swing.

About two hundred employees and their families assembled for fun—to take part in the games and dancing arranged by the committee.

Steve Lasko, of the pressure department, selected a table under a shade tree immediately upon arrival with his family, and, together with his brother "Lou," a foreman in the street department, "the Lasko kitchen" was a very busy place.

Bert Scheffer, in addition to working hard on the committee, was a roving camera man, taking moving pictures of the affair, ably assisted by at least a half dozen amateurs.

Troy McWilliams and "Chuck" Hanley handled the refreshment dispensing detail like veterans, and everyone was pleased with the services rendered.

Yum - Yum—Fried chicken from Steve Lasko's kitchen.
Left to right—Jack Hohn, Chuck Stealey, Billie Stealey, Mrs. Chuck Stealey and Steve Lasko, the chef.

Deciding as to whose shoe won the game: Left to right—Bill Hanley, Willie Riter, Dick Keller, Whitey Donley, Charley Wise and Don Frankland.

Don Frankland was a capable instructor in horseshoe pitching, and even though it was necessary at times to make a decision as to the "winnah," horseshoe pitching seemed to attract a great many but, unfortunately, the game had to be called on account of rain later in the afternoon. We understand that Don was such a good instructor his pupils beat him at his own game and Don retired because of "a sore arm."

When the rains came, the softball game was called off and there were many disappointed fans, but, when the rain ceased, it was "Play Ball" again and "Whitey" Donnelly took the mound, with "Chuck" Lepley behind the plate. Who won? The girls, of course, and this was an unscheduled game, too. We've been telling you boys that you should put some of the "gals" on that team of yours.

Tom Mooney, annuitant, was reminiscing about the picnics of bygone years and renewing friendships with his old associates.

There were races for the youngsters—the 50-yard dash for boys 7 to 10 years of age was won by Billie Ross and Dick Frankland; the 50-yard dash for boys and girls of 11 to 15, was won by the girls—Ruth Lasko and Beverly Chrisman. Beverly was a guest at the picnic.

Boys and Girls Race—All set . . . ready to go . . . when Bert Scheffer gives the signal.

Some of the onlookers at the races: Left to right—Paul Cahill, Bruce Edeburn, Marie Keller McWilliams, Tom Mooney and Louis Lasko.

50 Yard Dash—Tommie Yost leading.

Lepley awarding the prize for the girls' race. (Left) Ruth Lasko—daughter of Steve— and Beverly Chrisman (right), while George Kurzen looks on and Bert Scheffer keeps the score.

Penny Scramble for the Tiny Tots.

There was a penny scramble for the tiny tots, and the grown-ups had even more fun watching the scramble. We were unable to learn which tot picked up the most pennies.

There were a number of other races scheduled, but the rain was responsible for their cancellation.

The group then adjourned to the pavilion, where the strains of music called for dancing. Louis Lasko acted as master of ceremonies during the dancing, and everyone enjoyed his "chatter and patter." Mr. and Mrs. Al Yost took the honors for the best dancing couple on the floor. There were to have been some square-dancing presentations, but someone forgot the square-dance records, so they had to keep to the modern ones.

We understand that, in addition to the dancing and in the absence of the square dances, Al Yost, Tom Mooney, Bob Weaver and Tom Sampson entertained with barbershop songs and, from what has been said since then, these boys should join the Barbershop Quartet Association.

The committee was pleased with the success of the picnic. Those who worked so hard to make this first picnic a success were: Bert Scheffer, Troy McWilliams, "Chuck" Hanley, John Antol, Jim Bellamy, and Don Frankland. Let's give them a great big hand and--a vote of thanks.

An Important Milestone Is Passed

By Don E. Buckley

Another employee of The East Ohio Gas Company joins the ranks of the annuitants in Youngstown. The day of retirement, to which we all aspire in later years, has now arrived for William Liscomb, who, in August, completed more than twenty-nine years of faithful service with our company. And we can think of no finer season than the approach of autumn for a person to lay aside his working cares in favor of the beginning of a new and different life—a life of leisure to live without appointment and with less obligation.

On August 31, a group of Bill Liscomb's associates gathered for luncheon at the quaint Rip Tavern, in the Tod House, Youngstown, where just tribute was paid not only to years of service, but also to a fellow worker who always had a story to tell and a friendly ear for the tales of others. Bill, with the ever-present mischievous twinkle in his eye, worked as a customer bookkeeper throughout his entire tenure with The East Ohio Gas Company—almost three decades.

Following the luncheon, at which Bill was presented a box of his favorite cigars, the party returned to the main office, where gifts of handsome luggage were presented to him by the employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Liscomb's plans are incomplete for the immediate future; but with them, wherever they might travel, go our most sincere wishes for many happy years of retirement.

Seated: Derwood Beighley, Andy Welsh, Bill Liscomb, Andy Armstrong, Jack Thomas, Roy Reese

Standing: Andy Omlor, C. E. Gallagher, Charlie Smith, R. W. Ramsdell, Jack Schaeffer, Joe Mulqueen, Frank McGuire, Jim Irwin, Fred Riddle.

In Memoriam

On September 10, Harry G. Lahr, an annuitant of our Company since January 1, 1947, passed away.

Mr. Lahr, a foreman in Massillon at the time of his retirement, had a service credit of 32 years.

He is survived by his wife and five adult children.

SERVICE AWARDS

30-Year

Charles W. Gardner....Compressor Stations

20-Year

Leo I. Greening.....Cleve. Operating
Everett L. Hess.....Cleve. Operating
Erwin W. Radike.....Cleve. Operating
Kenneth A. Riese.....Canton
Oval L. Venus.....Akron

10-Year

Frank C. Cermak, Jr.....Cleve. Operating
John P. Ginley.....Cleve. Operating
Edward T. Heaver.....Gas Measurement
John R. McGinness.....Gen. Financial
Frederick J. Walsh.....Barberton
James A. Walsh.....Cleve. Operating

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Youngstown

Vacations are almost over now, with the exception of the big game hunters who always take their vacations in the fall to hunt in the wilds of nearby forests, coming back bragging and dragging their rabbit, bear and deer hides with them.

Speaking of vacations, Pat McCaffrey went on his annual Canada fishing trip this year. Besides being the chief cook and bottle washer this year, Pat brought back pictures as proof of the big fishes he "claims" to have caught.

Pretty Dorothy Ferrell, Youngstown Division Cashier, states, "He doesn't have to be a football hero" . . . but, as circumstances are, he is, and . . . the young lady adores him. The rest of us admit, though, that he is pretty nice.

Roy Henry Reese, wife, son Ronnie and daughter Barb, all packed up and took off to Florida in their new Chevrolet. A good time was had by all, as was proven in pictures taken on the Atlantic surf and highways along the way.

Dorothy Sherman, of our service department, was all set to take off to Florida this fall but, after delaying this long, due, perhaps, to a current heart throb, she might possibly change her plans entirely.

Yeeeepiiii . . . Stanley Kriss, after spending his vacation on the Wild West plains of Wyoming this summer, was seen horseback riding around the Youngstown Vicinity—and he is **really** something.

I might add that our Manager, C. E. Gallagher, had quite an interesting vacation as he and sons Charlie and Ralph went to visit relatives on the farm in Detroit. Guess their father's pace slowed down a little when it came to vigorous egg hunting, riding tractors, climbing hay stacks, etc., that the kids took to like a couple of corn-fed country folks.

Marie Spettigue, Bookkeeping Department, thanks her lucky stars that she changed her mind about vacationing on the cruiser Noronic as her intended companions on the trip had quite an experience in the disasterous fire.

Hyuh fellahs! Welcome Donald J. Sibson and Jack L. Ziegler, two of our new employees.

Dutch Bullock (handsome Bullock, that is) can surely be proud as a peacock. He has just announced the arrival of a new grandson, making a grand total of five grandchildren, all boys. But with another grandchild expected soon, we are hoping that the five little football players will have a cheerleader instead of another player for the team.

Mickey Hanuschak and wife, parents of a dainty little brown-eyed daughter, have added to their family group a chubby little baby boy. Another gas man, Mickey?

We sincerely extend our sympathy to Jack Gibbons and family, in the recent loss of his brother, Thomas.

When one of the bosses phoned an employee's home recently, the wife answered with "It's your nickel, shoot." She had been expecting a call but, when the boss announced himself, the joke was on the embarrassed housewife.

The Chet Gerzels have a new arrival in blue booties. Chet will have to broaden his conversation about their little girl, Patty, to include the new son and heir.

Lest we forget a new little blondie in the Sinkle family. Beverly Sinkle attended one of the Drive-In Theatres recently and was the holder of the lucky ticket. The prize was a four-month-old buff cocker-spaniel puppy.

Cleveland Commercial

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Ed Kundtz, whose father passed away on September 13.

Thelma Lorenzi, of the Addressograph Department, severed connections with E O G on September 16, to take the long walk down the aisle of the Wade Park Methodist Church, September 24.

We are told that Amalia Wilson, of the Phone Room, became a proficient shot while vacationing in Colorado. Better be on guard when Amalia breaks out her shooting irons.

So help us, this is the gospel truth! One of our customers, while discussing his account, via telephone, mentioned the fact that he had a "convertible" burner in his furnace.

Among the newer additions to the Order Department are Dorothy Escover, Elizabeth Holland, Marjorie Schikowski, Lois Kabelac, Theresa Tucchinio, Rosemary Knowles, and Edward Rettger.

Appearing on one of the recent television programs, conducted in our studio by Louise Winslow, were Lucille O'Neill, Marge Mulloy, Jack Lamb, and Ray Bessick. The influx of Hollywood scouts has not materialized as yet, but is expected at any moment.

Jane Lindsay, of the Phone Room, vacationed on Cape Cod. Rumor has it that she caught sixteen fish. How about it, Jane, did all the big ones get away? Another of the "head-set" girls, Joan Rolling, journeyed to Canada, and visited Montreal and Quebec.

Brand new to the Addressograph Department are Edna Charles, and Mary Agnes Toner. Recently transferred to this department from the Mail Room, was Frank Kestranek.

Dick Seck, Customer Service Department's hole-in-one golfer, has been transferred to the Meter Reading Department. Good luck, Dick, that should keep you in good trim for further achievements in golf.

No. 2 Works

Hap Cuckler returned to work, all played out, after vacationing in Colorado Springs, the Black Hills and various other places of interest in the West.

Our congratulations are extended to George Sprague, Meter Repair Department, who just became the father of a baby girl; also to Les Nemeth, of the same Department, whose wife gave birth to her second baby girl.

Bill Saum amazed everybody, including himself, with a hole-in-one on the 121-yard second hole of the Firestone Public Course at the Men's Club Golf Tournament. After first aid was administered, Bill was able to stagger through the 18 holes with a score of 92.

Loftin Melhuish purchased a pony, and it is rumored that any child in the neighborhood can have a ride for the nominal price of twenty-five cents. His fellow-workers state that business must be very good as he is getting quite reckless with his money, and that isn't like

Loft. However, we think he should ease up on the poor pony a little bit as the other day the Police Chief called at the house and said he had been told a dead horse was at that address. Upon investigation it was found that the horse was all tired out and had laid down for a couple of hours' rest.

Ray Popielski, of the Stockroom, became engaged recently and George Antolik, of the Meter Repair Department, took the same step last month. Better get in a supply of aspirin, boys, because your headaches will be starting in the very near future.

Steve Vargo just returned from a vacation, which he spent with his mother, in Pennsylvania.

Steve Bucha has joined the growing ranks of new car owners, with the purchase of a new Chrysler.

Lester Kadow has sold his home in Fairview and is now going to live in Cleveland. Dan Castella recently purchased a new home in Maple Heights.

Most of the boys near the Paint Spray Booth, Meter Repair Department, think Andrew Marchak, who sings while spraying the meters, should go places with his tenor voice. Of course, as always, there are a few non-music lovers in the department who have a specific place in mind.

Carl Geiger and Joseph Szekely, Jr., started to work this month in the Meter Repair Department.

Dolores Chrisman, daughter of Jim Chrisman, General Foreman of the Meter Repair Department, has returned to Mt. Union College for her Sophomore Year.

Ernie Castner has been transferred from Willow Station and is now working in the Pressure Department Office at No. 2 Works.

During the canvassing of prospective bowlers for the newly organized No. 2 Works Bowling League, a good registration was received when the members were contacted. The league is to consist of twelve 6-man teams, in order to give all of the employees an opportunity to participate in the bowling. The organizers of the league are looking forward to a doubles tournament between members of the Downtown League and No. 2 Works League a little later in the season. The starting date for this league is Thursday, September 22nd at 5:00 P.M. at Grdina Recreation and the league extends an invitation to all Main Office employees to visit us during any or all of the sessions. The teams in our league will accept a challenge at any time from any of the teams of the Downtown League. This challenge would be accepted in the spirit of friendliness and not for blood (we hope).

Another Bride in Akron

Before the Wedding Bells—

Lois Thomas resigned on September 6 to join the list of brides on September 10.

The girls of the Akron office had a dinner party for Lois at the Highland where she received a lovely bedspread, with appropriate remarks from Marge Summers at the time of its presentation. The success of the party was due to the efforts of Lela Martz and Mary Jane Moledor.

In this particular scene, Lois and her fiance seem to be much more interested in each other than giving the desired information for their marriage license, at Summit County Court House, Akron.

Akron

With the advent of cooler weather, many of our employees are vacation-bound. Whitfield Nelson, better known as "Red," is having a wonderful time touring the West. Judging from the cards he has mailed from various points west of the Mississippi, he should have some very interesting tales to relate when he returns.

Bill Winsterman wants to get mileage on his new Buick, so he and Mrs. Winsterman just started, with no definite destination—stopping when and where the spirit moves them, or should one say—moves the Buick.

Jack McCormick has a new Pontiac and says it behaved magnificently on his recent vacation through Michigan and Wisconsin.

John Koehler spent his vacation at Bob's Lake, in Canada, but was mighty glad to get back to Akron. Says he was tired keeping the fires going, the weather being anything but summerlike, and the fish—well, the less said about that the better. Cold weather evidently didn't give them an appetite for the type of bait that John was using.

Martha McCown spent her vacation on Lake Erie, and "lucky girl"—she had warm weather and enjoyed the sun bathing as well as swimming, coming back to the Home Service Department full of vim and vigor.

And speaking of the Home Service Department, Dan Cupid sure has been a busy fellow there in the last few months. We are happy to welcome Jan Clark, who succeeds Marge Buckley, and Abigail Dickerson, who succeeds Ruth Eshmeyer, to the East Ohio family. Hope Dan stays away until at least we get well acquainted with the new "gals."

Lela Martz and Lucille Twynham spent a recent week-end in Dayton, Ohio, attending the wedding of Miss Martz's brother. They report a wonderful time but, from all that we can learn, neither one caught the bride's bouquet. Better luck next time, girls.

Miss Twynham is now on her vacation—in New York. This is her first visit to the big metropolis, and, from all the things she plans to do and see, we think she'll be making several trips, as it could not be accomplished in one week. With all the free advice given by her associates in the Akron office, she should have a "howling" good time.

And speaking of first trips, just learned that Mary Jane Moledor spent her vacation in Washington, seeing the sights. Haven't heard if she succeeded in seeing "Harry," but she said the highlight of the trip was the boat trip down the Potomac and her visit at Mt. Vernon.

Eddie Burke and his brother, Tom, returned from a vacation in northern Michigan. Eddie has been spending his vacations in Canada, with tough luck regarding fish, so thought he would change the location this year. However, his luck was the same as in Canada, and he's beginning to think that the fish are allergic to him. Anyway, they just won't bite when he's around. Better stick to golf, Eddie, fishing doesn't seem to be your line.

Bill Geister spent his vacation motoring through the South, down the Sky Line Drive, through the Carolinas and into Florida. He followed the hurricane instead of being in it, arriving at all the places after the hurricane had passed through. He says the damage done was terrific, and he definitely prefers to live where you do not have to undergo the nervewracking period of getting prepared and waiting for the hurricane to come, and then making all the repairs after it has gone on its way.

We were glad to hear that Bill Strauss was away from West Palm Beach during the hurricane. He and Mrs. Strauss spent the summer in Des Moines, Iowa, visiting their son and his family. We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Strauss was quite seriously ill, but the last report we had was

that she was much better and they expect to leave for West Palm Beach in late October.

Had a nice visit with Louis Voelkle, who is visiting in nearby Tallmadge. He, too, missed the hurricane, but says he's going back to Florida for the winter. Just can't take our northern winters, anymore, so he says. Retirement certainly agrees with him, and we are happy to say that he looks younger than he did when your correspondent first met him many years ago.

Marge Summers is developing into a connoisseur of horse flesh. Marge spent her vacation with her aunt in Pittsburgh and had a grand time attending all the horse shows in that vicinity. Her aunt has a horse that wins blue ribbons, and Marge is really interested. She came back with all kinds of horse lore and spent a week-end recently in West Virginia, attending another show. She was quite disappointed that her aunt's horse could not participate, having been withdrawn on account of an infected foot. However, she said she never saw so many gorgeous horses and had a wonderful time. She is looking forward to the next horse show that will be within a week-end trip.

Frank Scoville returned from a trip to Maine. Frank enjoys sailboating, and talks with the natives and lobsters. He was there during the hurricane and said the wind sure made the ocean act up, and there was considerable damage. But it did not mar his vacation as he was about ready to return before the hurricane arrived in that section.

Ruthie Ballway and Joanne Morgan have joined the Co-Ed Club at the Y. M. C. A., and are they ever enjoying themselves! Seems that this club goes in for wiener roasts, hikes, hay rides and square dancing. And from what we can glean from their conversations, square dancing is making quite a hit with them, not to mention the hayrides on moonlight nights.

It's a boy at the William Shillings and the Steve Svedas. Two more ball players for East Ohio in 1967!

We are also happy to welcome to the East Ohio family Mary Wickiser, who is a clerk in our second floor office.

We are glad, too, to have Al Yost back after quite a siege of flu, and Edward Millhoff, who was stricken with polio but is now back on the job, almost completely recovered. Carl Deason is ill at Northport, Alabama, and Ralph Nelson is still off duty on account of a heart condition, as is Mose Wagner, at the shop.

Canton

Weddings

The month of September brings two more marriages to Canton Division East Ohio employees, with a ceremony on September 10, uniting Miss Nina Ruby Hauser and Albert R. Manzella, of the Property Records Department; and a ceremony on September 24, bringing together in holy matrimony, Miss Norma Harrison and Ralph G. Freday, Jr., of the Canton Shop, a son of Ralph G. Freday, of the House-Heating Department.

The best man at both events also came from the ranks of the Gas Company, with Al choosing Frank Scridon, of the Engineering Department, for this honor; and Ralph selecting his uncle, Delbert Miller, of the Meter Reading Department.

The Canton employees extend congratulations and best wishes to these two couples, and, it goes without saying, a lot of good sound advice thrown in for free.

Sympathy

Canton Division employees were sorry to learn of the death of Paul Hug, brother of Alward Hug of our Canton Shops. Paul will be remembered by many Cantonians as a McKinley High School football player in the early 1920's.

He died Labor Day morning of a heart attack in his home at Chattanooga, Tennessee. We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathies.

On His Way to Success

George Boselo, who left this spring for his second season with a Cleveland Indians Farm Team, has completed another successful season. After spring training with the Tribe in Marianna, Florida, George was assigned to the Iola Indians Class D Team in Iola, Kansas. He played left field and finished the season with a batting average of 305. He is tentatively scheduled to report to Burlington, Iowa, Class C Team for next season.

On September 23, he played at the Cleveland Stadium in an exhibition game prior to the Detroit-Cleveland game. It was an exhibition game between two teams picked from the various Cleveland Indians' Farm teams during the past season.

General Accounting

Better late than never; however, better on time than late. In this month's reporting we find that there is a bit of back news and we'll try to include as much of it as space will permit.

Colin MacKeigan is proud of the recent arrival at his home. Her name? Margaret Louise. It's two at one time at the T. J. McLaughlin residence—Jean and Joan. And for a very choice last minute tid-bit of news, Walter Wendel saw his baby son for the first time on August 28. Congratulations, one and all.

Our fabulous fisherman, Bud Boss, was finally hooked himself. Miss Margaret Paler and Bud were married on September 6. You have our best wishes for happiness.

Don Fennell, one of East Ohio's most valuable players, had a neat 400 batting average for the season. Who said he needs glasses?

Vacations

Glen Knight is back again—this time for good.

Canada is by far the most popular vacation spot this year. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis and their daughter spent two weeks at the Patterson-Kaye Lodge, Muskoka. We'll never hear the end of what a wonderful place that is.

Ed Skala had a scenic vacation, touring the South. From Florida he went to Texas before returning to the Buckeye State—Cleveland, in particular.

Joe Tengler, too, preferred the South as a vacation spot. He and Mrs. Tengler took a plane to Florida, visiting at Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, and the Everglades.

Jimmy Schmotzer vacationed in Ohio's fruit belt. Jim spent his time in Danbury, Ohio—fishing, swimming, and relaxing. His only complaint was the scarcity of "peaches."

Jim McLaughlin had two weeks' training with the U. S. N. R.—at the New London, Conn., submarine base.

Harry Wentz and his pretty wife vacationed at home.

Fred Rowe returned to work covered with paint. He can't convince the boys that he got more on the house than on himself. Just where is "sunny Parma," Fred?

Roland Nessy spent his vacation counting the Thousand Islands. "It's pretty nice country," says he, "and there are 1,692 islands."

Lou Toth journeyed to Port Burwell, Ontario, to collect his sunshine on the beach.

Laughs of the Month

Charlie Hageman trying to Polka at Bud Boss's wedding reception.

Don Fennell trying to play golf along the railroad tracks.

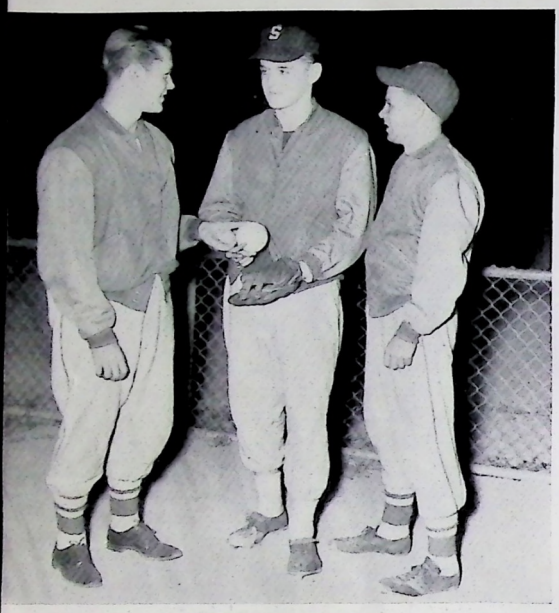
Bill Thernes attempting to teach yours truly something.

That's all for now—see you'all next month.

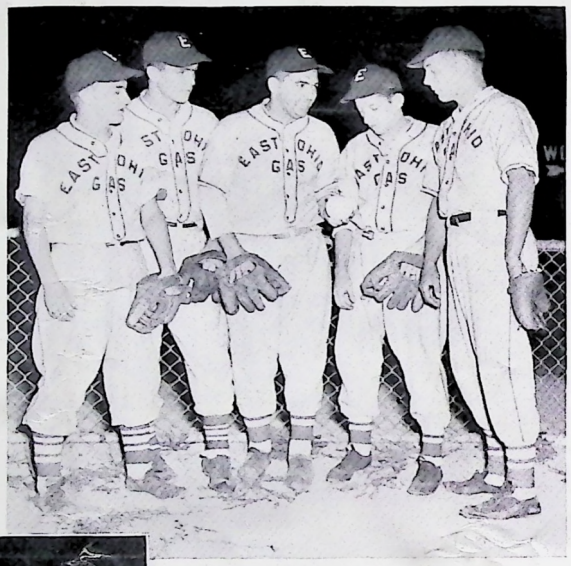
SPORTS NEWS

VINCENT DUDAS, Sports Editor

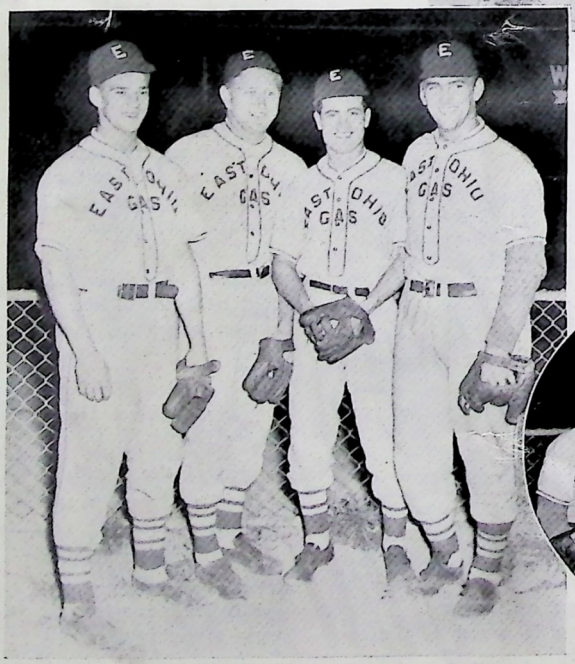
Finishing the Season as Runner-up . . .
East Ohio (Cleveland) Edged in Championship



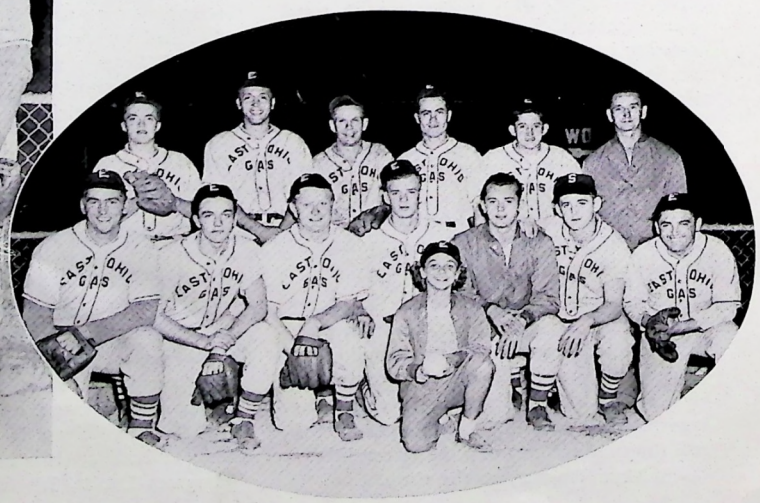
Stan Hybel, ace pitcher, sidelined because of a pulled muscle, presenting the ball to newcomer Walter "Casey" Kowalec and wishing him the best of luck, with scrappy catcher Jimmy McCormick beside "Casey." P.S. "Casey" proceeded to win tonight in an overtime nine inning struggle 4 to 3.



Presenting the Gas Company infield, from left to right: Captain Donnie Fennell, second base; Frank "Sunny" Kestranek, Jr., shortshop; Manager Vince Dudas, first base; Mike Stavec, utility infielder: Norm Thresher, third base.



Kneeling (left to right): Al Novy, Frankie Kestranek, Jr., Eddie Rys, Johnny Piczak, Barbara Ann Dudas, Stan Hybel, Walter Kowalec and Vince Dudas. Standing (left to right): Don Fennell, Norm Thresher, Jimmy McCormick, Eddie Paoletta, Mike Stavec and Frank Kestranek, Sr. Missing from the picture are Coach Wray Hertzlin and Johnny Schmidt.



The fly chasing brigade of the Gas Company nine, reading from left to right: Johnny Piczak, centerfielder, Eddie Rys, left fielder, Eddie Paoletta and Al Novy, splitting chores in right field.

SOFTBALL

Cleveland

September 1—Elks Field
Local 486—2
East Ohio Gas Co.—0

This was an elimination series game, with two defeats and out, the method of play.

Evidently the strain of play the past two weeks caught up with the Gas House nine because, although they played air-tight ball, it was not good enough to win.

The East Ohio boys are now tied with Merry Mouse Stage Bar for the first half championship, with 10 victories and 4 defeats apiece.

Getting back to this game, pitcher Hauser, of the Local 486 nine, is currently the hottest boy in the league, winning consistently and being stingy with the hits.

Don Fennell, perennial sparkplug and captain of the team, along with pitcher Wally Kowalec and Eddie Paoletta, centerfielder, each got one hit tonight for the only three hits East Ohio got all night long.

One more defeat in this, the second half, will eliminate the Gas Co. lads and then . . . . well read on.

September 4—Elks Field
East Ohio Gas Co.—5
Merry Mouse Stage Bar—3

This was it. Tonight the first half championship playoff game was held—and what a bruising, hard-fought game it was.

Merry Mouse rolled into a 1 to 0 lead in the very first inning, and held on grimly until the fifth when the East Ohio boys decided to do something about the situation.

Captain Donnie Fennell led off with his second hit of the evening, a sharp line single to left. Manager Vince Dudas then, smartly instead of laying down an expected bunt, also singled sharply to center sending Fennell to third, from where he scored on Johnny Piczak's fly to the outfield, and Dudas scored on Eddie Rys's long single to left center.

The East Ohio boys again lashed out with what proved to be the clincher in the seventh inning by coming up with a big three-run rally.

Once again Fennell led off with a hit, another single; Manager Dudas then again swinging away, grounded into an apparent easy double play, but the second baseman dropped the ball and all hands were safe. Pitcher "Casey" Kowalec then smashed a hit and both Fennell and Dudas scored, "Casey" going to second on the play and he also scored moments later on fielders' choice plays.

This victory automatically put the Gas House nine into the finals against the second half elimination winner.

September 11—Elks Field
East Ohio Gas Co.—5
Merry Mouse Stage Bar—2

This battle again was a real **battle.** The loser of tonight's game would be out of the second half race with two defeats.

With pitcher "Casey" Kowalec blasting two long doubles, each time with men on the bases, the Gas Co. nine decisively eliminated the Merry Mouse nine. "Casey" Kowalec got 3 for 4, Eddie Rys got 2 for 3, while Manager Dudas got 1 for 2 but was on base three times, scoring two big runs ahead of cleanup man "Casey" Kowalec.

Oddly enough, Donnie Fennell for the first time in a long, long time did not get a hit. Fennell at this writing is batting at a neat .390 average and that is tops both in East Ohio team hitting leadership and **also** in Lakewood Elks AA league leadership. It couldn't happen to a better team player.

September 13—Elks Field
Gray Tool & Die Co.—4
East Ohio Gas Co.—1

Maybe it was the 13th. Maybe it was because "Hank" Greytak, of the Gray Tool & Die outfit, was hot. Maybe it was something else. At any rate it was a no-hitter for Mr. Greytak and, incidentally, it was his second consecutive no-hitter. Anyhow it was a good ball game. East Ohio just hit the ball numerous times directly to the infielders or the outfielders.

The Gas Co. had ten men left on the bases, with eight walks and two errors, and had the bases loaded on two separate occasions, but to no avail.

This eliminated the East Ohio boys from further contention for second half honors.

They will now rest and bide their time until the second half champion is determined, at which time East Ohio will play for the championship in a best two out of three series.

September 22—Elks Field
Arena Bar—3
East Ohio Gas Co.—0

Under leaden, murky, dark, gray skies, East Ohio's punchless nine found the going rocky and rough and succumbed on a neat two-hitter thrown by Steve Krug to the tune of 3 to 0.

Frankie "Sunny" Kestranek, Jr., nailing a runner at home plate in the third inning, with Umpire Lehnis closely observing the play.

Manager Vince Dudas, successful in a theft of third base in the first inning, scoring moments later on a fielders choice play to put East Ohio in a momentary lead 1 to 0.

Johnny "Greyhound" Piczak scoring the third run of the big 4th inning rally when East Ohio led 4 to 3.

Krug struck out thirteen men tonight, which was remarkable as his pace is really terrific. He has pitched eleven games in two weeks with only one loss. Give this guy credit, he's good.

Arena Bar held a 3 to 0 advantage in the beginning of the fourth inning, when the skies opened up and the rains came, and how! After waiting 25 minutes, the umpires shoveled great quantities of new sand around home plate and decided to continue the game.

East Ohio had a momentary spurt getting two men on base in 5th and 6th innings, but Krug just fired 'em past the Gas House nine.

Don Fennell and Johnny Piczak each got a hit tonight, the only hits East Ohio got all night long.

Well, in this championship struggle, East Ohio must win the next two to become champions, and that is a mighty tough assignment against this boy Steve Krug.

September 24—Elks Field

Arena Bar—5
East Ohio Gas Co.—4

Second and Final Championship Game

With the chips down and their backs to the wall, East Ohio's plucky, hard-fighting nine, ended its 1949 quest of the Lakewood Elks championship in the runnerup position.

Big guns in East Ohio's attack were "Casey" Kowalec, pitcher, and Eddie Rys, right fielder, each with two hits.

East Ohio started off in the first inning when Manager Dudas singled, advanced to second on a passed ball, proceeded to steal third, and came home when he was hit on the back of the head in a run-down play between home and third base. "Casey" Kowalec who had singled and Johnny Piczak, who walked, were left stranded in this inning to muff another scoring opportunity .

Again in the fifth inning, East Ohio's game fighters came from behind a 3 to 1 score to score three big runs and go into a momentary lead.

Captain Donnie Fennell and "Casey" Kowalec each singled after Manager Dudas struck out for the first out.

Then the ole "Greyhound" Johnny Piczak came through with a long, well-placed double to right center, sending both Fennell and Kowalec across the plate, tying the score.

Frankie Kestranek then neatly sacrificed him to third, and Frankie was barely nailed at first as he flew down the line.

The Gas House gang was not to be denied, however, as Eddie Rys came through with his second straight hit—a single—sending the tie-breaking run, Johnny Piczak, across the plate.

This lead was again only temporary, as Arena Bar came back to life with two big runs on a miscue by shortstop Frankie Kestranek—a walk, a hit, and a fly out to the outfield, on which the wrong man played the ball, to throw a runner from third base out at the plate. Final score:

Arena Bar—5
East Ohio Gas Co.—4

Our best wishes go to the victors. They really played top brand ball. It was more remarkable, because their pitcher, Steve Krug, pitched 12 games in sixteen days, winning 11, losing 1, and replaying a sensational 13-inning tie game with the Local 486 boys for the second half championship.

As a final word, the team on a whole always played to the best of its ability, always trying, always battling, and never giving up.

Our heartfelt thanks for this grand 1949 successful softball season go to those die-hardy souls who stuck loyally by us to the bitter end, cheering and rooting the boys onward.

Our thanks also go to the East Ohio Gas Co. for its financial backing, to the East Ohio News for the generous space given to us, and to one and all for the cooperation, both on the field of play and off the field, to make this season the success that it was.

Already plans are shaping to rebuild the potential 1950 entry of The East Ohio Gas Company's softball team.

See you in 1950.

Walter "Casey" Kowalec, ace pitcher and slugger deluxe, shown taking a healthy man-sized cut at the ball.

Moments later he whistled a line double to left field.

Umpire Milt Lehnis and Jim Daniels, catcher of the Arena Bat team, are an interesting action study.

Braving the 45° cold snap are a few of the East Ohio faithful rooters. From left to right: Front row—Jean Yarmish, Glenn Knight, Lawrence "Joe E. Brown" McCormick, and Walter Weber. Second row—Jeanne Woodruff, Jim McLaughlin, Joyce Brooks, and Bob Brown. Upper row—Paul Mortland, Lucille and her father, Mr. Sievers, Howard Fennell, and Rose Miralia.

No. 2 Works

By Charles Dickinson

Bowling

The East Ohio Gas No. 2 Works Bowling League started its 33-week season on September 22, at Grdina Recreation. The lunch counter received a pretty big play because of the 5:00 o'clock time.

All twelve teams had the full number of five men each, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Each team has six, and a lot of the extra men were there to get their first look at the new alleys.

Of course, the usual difficulties were encountered with new alleys, and big scores were few and far between. Al Novy, of the Street Department, bowling for the Bryant Heater Team, had the high three game series with 573, and Ed Pietraroli had the high single with a score of 225. The Mt. Pleasant Heating Team, composed of House Heating men, were tops for team high three game series with 2258, and the C. L. Bryant Corp. team, composed of Meter Repair Department men, had the high team single game of 804.

The alleys are brand new and, hence, pretty stiff. When they are worn in a little, we can look for some pretty good scores. Then, too, with this being a handicap affair, some of the better bowlers hold their average down so that the handicap is not so great. Smart boys. The first night's bowling was from scratch, and the handicap rule will now apply.

The first mishap of the season occurred when John I. Murray got Sam Dragga's shoes, which were too big, and he had to wear them home.

Youngstown

Bowling

The Youngstown East Ohio Gas Company Employees' Bowling League got off to an early start this season as the inaugural was held on Friday evening, September 9, at Warren's Pastime Alleys. Although the league has been held to an eight-team affair, the increased enthusiasm has swelled the rosters to the extent that most teams are carrying seven men. The increased attendance, however, lends greater interest from a competitive standpoint, because holders of low scores are forced to drop out in favor of the five-man team rule. Each player is assured of playing two games regardless of his scores, but the bitter pill of "sitting one out" urges the weak kegler to raise his sights in picking up those important spares.

"Spare the wood" might well be the byword concerning the action given the ten pins during the first two sessions, because in two weeks not a single kegler has damaged the maple to any great extent. The first 200 game has yet to be rolled, which is quite unusual, to say the least.

Chester Gerzel is leading the field at this early writing; and he appears to be headed for top ranking among such star performers as Roy Reese, Fred Riddle, Stan Kriss, and Charlie Smith, all of whom have experienced little success thus far. Chester, with the highest individual average of 171, also holds the current high single and high three-game scores of 194 and 518, respectively.

Stan Kriss is second with an average of 168, although his best effort was 173. Ralph (the Shadow) DeGenaro indicates contention in individual standings this year by currently ranking third with an average of 163.

Canton

Bowling Begins

The Canton E. O. G. Bowling League began its 1949-50 season on Saturday, September 17, at the Canton Recreation Bowling alleys on Market Ave. North. This is the first year on these alleys, the League having bowled on the Maloney Lanes for the last few years.

As in previous years, the League consists of eight teams, and the general rules of former years, having proven very satisfactory, are being followed again this year.

One change which is quite noticeable is that the teams are outfitted with bowling shirts for the first time. The League secured backers to purchase the shirts, so the team names are in accordance with the firm names of the backers. The teams and their respective captains are as follows:

Hopple Pipe Line No. 1 Roger McDonald
Hopple Pipe Line No. 2 ..... Geo. Melegari
Henry J. Fromm Plumbing & Heating Co. ..... John Beckley
Crystal Park Furnace Co. ..... Robert Fenwick
Bernard Pipe Line Co. No. 1 ..... Glenn Sauers
Bernard Pipe Line Co. No. 2 ..... Earl Reed
Air Flow Heating Co. ..... Paul Neininger
W&E Appliance Del. ..... Norman Herzog

The officers of the Bowling League this year are:

Clem Fry ..... President
Clay Elson ..... Vice President
Frank Scridon ..... Secretary
Robert Muckley ..... Treasurer

The Dollar That Nobody Wants

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operation was necessary to correct the injury.

The Company paid out $189.57 in hospital and doctor bills and paid the employee $356.14 for the seven weeks he was unable to work—the same amount that he would have earned had he been on the job.

Death Benefits

The dependents of an East Ohio employee earning $250 a month can receive a total of $19,000 under the Company's employee benefit program if he is killed while performing his duties. His children can receive a college education at East Ohio expense.

This uniquely liberal combination of death benefits will be described more fully in an early issue of *The News*.

But an accident is like an earthquake . . . it never "benefits" anyone. The only real accident "benefit" is the one that's never paid . . . because the accident didn't happen. Our goal is first of all to make East Ohio the safest possible place to work, and secondly to offer adequate financial protection to you if an accident cannot be avoided.

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A Short Story about a Good Drive

Told in a few words and pictures

Dick Seck, formerly of Cleveland Customer Service and now a member of the Meter Reading Department, spends his weekly afternoon off, in addition to week-ends, at the Roseland Golf Course which is located at 4947 Tiedeman Road, Brooklyn Village, close to his home.

On Friday, September 9, Dick walked out of the clubhouse, teed off, and bingo—the little white pill rolled right into the cup 150 yards away!

Rudy Neumann, who has been the Pro at Roseland for the past ten years, happened to have been a witness, and he was as pleased about it as was Dick. A hole-in-one on the **first** hole! Something to write home about.

This makes Dick Seck a member of Canada Dry's Hole-in-One Club —which means that he has won a medal and a certificate for this honor, as well as a case of Canada Dry, a carton of Wheaties, and other prizes.

Good work, Dick, keep it up. Your hours spent on a golf course are paying, and will continue to pay, dividends.

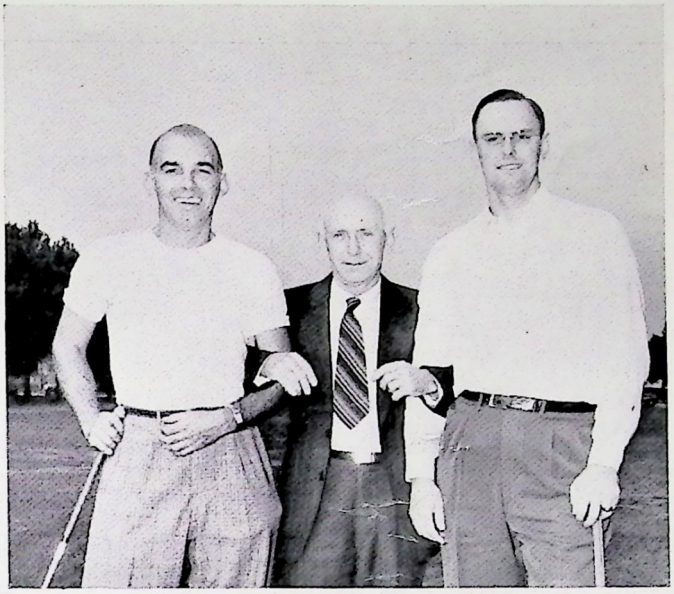
Note: There were two hole-in-one achievements at the Golf Tournament held at the Firestone Golf Course, in Akron, on September 10—Albert R. Parks, Ravenna office, on the eleventh hole, and William J. Saum, No. 2 Works, Cleveland, on the second one. Our East Ohio boys are really "going to town" with the popular game of Golf.

Space limitations make it necessary to hold the Golf Tournament (Akron-September 10) story until the next issue of our magazine.

Looking For A Golf Champion

By VINCE DUDAS

Henry ("Hank") Apthorp—takes his golf seriously.



(left to right) Joe Ziccardi—No. 2 Works, Street Department Foreman; Gene Jalas—Engineering Department; Hank Apthorp—Industrial Department Engineer.

Joseph (Joe) Ziccardi—takes his golf with a million dollar smile.

East Ohio was represented in the Cleveland Industrial Golf League Class "B" finals by the genial, smiling Joe Ziccardi.

We were all pulling for Joe to win, after he had nosed out another East Ohioan, "Hank" Apthorp, the day before at the Willowick Country Club. But it did not turn out that way.

Lou Mark, of the Geometric Stamping Company, walked away with the laurels—8 up with 6 to go. Mark's sensational putting—three on the first green—two on the second—followed by sixteen consecutive one-putt greens—put the finishing touch on our Joe Ziccardi, at the Painesville Country Club, on Sunday, September 18.

Joe Ziccardi had been working toward a final victory since August 13, when he managed to eliminate the following: Joe Di Angelo, at Willowick, on that date; George Trivison, at Seneca "A" Course, on August 20; Steve Tykodi, on September 10, at Willowick; and, finally, "Hank" Apthorp, on September 17. They were all 1 up victories—two were 1 up in 19 holes, and two 1 up in the regulation distance.

Joe was also runnerup in the Annual Italian-American Open Tournament held on August 7 at the Seneca "B" Course—with an 81.

Besides all of his golf activities, Joe is very proud of Joe, Jr., who is 19 years old and plays quarterback on the Holy Name High School football team. If you don't find Joe on the golf course, he'll probably be cheering for that team.

"Hank" Apthorp, too, had been gunning for a final victory since August 6 when he eliminated Steve Knath, 8 up with 7 to play, at Seneca "A" Course; on August 13, he topped Lou Veres 3 up with 2 to play, at Grantwood; Joe Tamborello, 5 up with 4 to play, at Willowick Country Club, on August 20; and then on September 17, in the semi-finals, opposing Joe Ziccardi, he lost a tough one—1 up.

Gene Jalas, Team Manager of the 1949 entry in the Cleveland Industrial League, says that this year's East Ohio entry was stronger than he had anticipated. He is looking forward to bettering the team of twelve for next year's competition—*and victory.*

Proud of the showing made by runnerup Joe Ziccardi and semi-finalist Hank Apthorp, Gene feels that this is a real indication of the kind of golf that is played here in Cleveland, and probably elsewhere, too.

Good luck to all East Ohio golfers—up and down and around the System. We'll be following you in 1950.

The Landing of Columbus

THE one who first saw land was to receive a silk doublet (a close-fitting, elaborate jacket), besides the other rewards that the King and Queen of Spain had promised, including an annual pension of ten thousand maravedis. A maravedi was a Spanish copper coin, worth about a third of a cent.

Two hours after midnight, on Friday, October 12, 1492, the land appeared, about two leagues off. They lowered all the sails and lay to until they reached a small island of the Lucayos, called *Guanahani* by the natives.

The Admiral took the Royal standard, and the captains the two banners of the Green Cross which were carried on all the ships. He called the two captains and the rest who had come on shore, and Rodrigo Descovedo, the Notary of the fleet, and Rodrigo Sanchez de Segovia, as witnesses to certify that he, in the presence of them all, was taking possession of said island for the King and Queen.

The journal kept by Columbus, a Genoese navigator in the service of Spain, has disappeared, but the extant abridgement evidently contains many of the original phrases. In it we find the following:

"Thursday, October 11th

"He sailed to the west-southwest, had a high sea, higher than hitherto. The men of the *Pinta* saw a reed and a stick, and got a small stick apparently cut or marked with an iron instrument, and a piece of cane, and some other grass which grows on the land, and a small board. Those of the Caravel *Nina* also saw other indications of land and a little stick loaded with dog roses. In view of such signs they breathed more freely and grew cheerful. They ran until sunset of that day twenty-seven leagues. After sunset he sailed on his first course to the West; they went about twelve miles an hour, and two hours after midnight they had run about ninety miles, that is twenty-two and a half leagues. As the Caravel *Pinta* was a better sailer and had the lead, she made land and showed the signals ordered by the Admiral. The land was first seen by a sailor called Rodrigo de Triana."